

WEATHER REPORT
FORECAST—Oklahoma: Wednesday rain or snow, cold in west portion; Thursday fair, colder.
TULSA, Feb. 29.—The temperature: Maximum 36, minimum 26. North winds and cloudy.

TULSA MORNING WORLD



WEDNESDAY
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TEN PAGES

PROSPERITY TALK
Since leading Democrats in congress are unable to agree with the president and the president is unable to agree with the Democrats, it is all over but the shouting to elect Republicans, who always agree.

KAISER SLACKS
IN ATTACK ON
FRENCH FORTS

Heavy Artillery Prevents
Germans From Assembling
Reinforcements.

OUTLYING TOWNS
TAKEN IN MARCH

Auxiliary Cruiser Sinks in
Mediterranean; Number
Lost Not Known.

WITH the lessening of the activity of the contending forces north of Verdun, the French in the Meuse region, east of Verdun, are using their artillery to break up German preparations for further advances toward the fortress. At various points the fire of the French guns has prevented the Germans from launching offensives.

In the Meuse mountains there also has been great artillery activity by the French near Senones and Ban de Sapt; while near Seppois the Germans have been driven out of trenches they had previously taken. In the Champagne German fortified works in the region of Hill 191 have been battered by the French guns and the crater of a mine exploded by the Germans was occupied by the French.

Germans Capture Towns.
The Germans have added several additional points to their territory in the fighting about Verdun, having been enabled to construct trenches on the slopes north of the Cote du Poivre and to capture an armored work northwest of Douaumont and have taken the towns of Manheulles and Champton, 13 miles southeast of Verdun.

In this drive to the east of Verdun the advance has extended over a front of virtually 12 miles, from Dieppe to Champton.

Berlin reports that thus far they have taken prisoner 288 officers, 16,375 men and a large number of guns, machine guns and much war material.

There has been considerable artillery activity and fighting in the air between battalions of Germans and British aviators along the British front in France and Belgium.

In the Dvinsk region of Russia the Russians have driven the Germans back and advanced their line and put down under heavy fire an attempt at a counter attack.

In a lengthy statement in reply to an official communication issued from Constantinople, the Russian general staff describes powerful defenses which guard Erzerum, and declares that the force of the blow dealt by the Russians can be estimated by the fact that some of the Turkish army corps of three divisions each now number only a few thousand men, all the remainder either having perished or been taken prisoner.

Auxiliary Cruiser Sinks.
Details are lacking concerning the disaster to the French auxiliary cruiser Provence, which has been lost in the Mediterranean. While the French ministry of marine estimates the number of survivors at 870, no estimate is made of the casualties.

On the eve of the opening of Germany's submarine campaign against armed merchantmen, President Wilson has thrown down the gauntlet to congress over the resolutions which have been introduced, having as their purpose the warning of Americans from traveling on armed merchantmen. In a letter to Representative Pott, acting chairman of the house naval committee, the president has asked that the matter be brought to a vote in the house. It is his intention to ask for similar action in the senate. The president's step is taken in order that "all doubts and conjectures may be swept away and our foreign relations once more cleared of damaging misunderstandings."

Bristol Leap Year Party.
Special to The World.
BRISTOL, Okla., Feb. 29.—The Young Ladies Bachelor club of this city gave a dance to their male friends this evening at Lee's hall, and was pronounced one of the best social events of the season. A number of out-of-town guests were present and the music was furnished by a Sapulpa orchestra. This is the first leap year party of the season and the bachelor ladies had a most enjoyable time. The young men were escorted to and from their homes by the young ladies.

Pioneer Building for Shawnee.
Special to The World.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 29.—The Pioneer Telephone company of this city will enlarge its property holdings at Shawnee by the construction of a 100,000 office and exchange building. The company will occupy the entire building, with the exception of a few office rooms which will be for rent. It is expected the building will be ready for occupancy in the early fall.

Make Aeroplanes at Miami.
Special to The World.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 29.—Aeroplane of the Curtis type are to be manufactured at Miami, the Roten Aviation company having been organized there for that purpose. The factory is now in operation and one of the machines will be finished shortly. In connection with the manufacture of machines the company will maintain a school of instruction. One of the machines will be completed in about a month.

Mighty Sweet Is This Latest Creation
of Millinery Art; It's Made of Candy



CANDY HAT.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—"Aren't they just too sweet?" "A perfect confection, I'd call that one." "Did you ever see such beautiful rose-colored loops as those ribbons on the turned-up brim?"

This and a lot more of it was overheard at the exhibition of millinery at the Martha Washington hotel, where enthusiastic women stopped to examine the Easter bonnets so alluringly displayed.

New York has beaten Paris in this instance of millinery novelties, for the hats that so tempted the women were built of overlapping folds of glistening candy and were built and designed by a mere man—the pastry cook of the Woman's hotel.

And such an array of them—a truly wonderful collection. There was a pale-green one, adorned with pink roses, so perfect one could almost smell them, and ribbons so satiny and fluffy that it was hard to believe they were made of spun sugar.

A lovely, changing rose color affair, trimmed with sprays of fox gloves and amber lilies, and a hat with a high turned up brim of pure white against which rested a mauve dahlia, its petals delicately tinted and contrasting with spikes of green leaves, elicited many encomiums for the originator.

A tailor-made sailor of navy blue with a striped band of ribbon was the last word in sweet millinery.

ARMY INCREASE
PROPOSALS TO
BE STARTLING

Bills to Provide for a Record
Standing Army, to
Be Introduced.

HOUSE MILITARY
COMMITTEE THRU

Admiral Says Three Years
Needed to Make Any
Improvement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The campaign for national preparedness will enter on a new phase in congress next week when in all probability bills providing for increasing the army to an extent never before contemplated in time of peace, will be introduced in both the house and senate.

The house military committee will begin tomorrow its final review of the measure tentatively agreed upon last week and which, it is stated, will be altered only in minor details before it is favorably reported. The final vote probably will be taken Thursday but it will require several days for Chairman Hay to prepare a report to accompany the bill.

The senate committee agreed today to insert only a general provision for federalization of the national guard in its regular army reorganization measure, leaving the task of putting this legislation in final shape to the joint conference committee to which the two bills will go. By this action the senate committee made it possible to bring out its bill also next week.

Before the house naval committee, Rear Admiral Knight today continued his recommendations that every facility in the country be employed to hasten construction of a fleet equal to those of any two nations except Great Britain.

American policies such as the Monroe doctrine, Asiatic exclusion, control of the Panama canal and the open door in China, he declared constitute a great and growing threat of war unless adequate preparation to uphold them is made.

Can Make Good Showing.
Admiral Knight said he believed it would take two years and a half to make the navy efficient enough to meet the present German fleet with any hope of success. The time limit, he said, was the minimum required to build nine battle cruisers and eight fast scouts. He said it would take 18 months to put the ships of the Atlantic fleet in full active commission in readiness for war.

"Not that we would not make a much showing against any force in much less time," he added. Representative Farr asked if it would be necessary to begin construction immediately in all available government yards if a great number of

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MINERS MAKE THEIR
FIRST CONCESSION

Offer to Scale Down Ten Per Cent on
Increase to a Six Per Cent
Basis

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The United Mine Workers of America, who are endeavoring to negotiate a new wage contract for the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, today made their first material concession, offering to scale down their 10 per cent wage increase for miners to approximately 6 per cent net on the mine run basis.

In the western Pennsylvania territory, however, the net advance now asked by the miners amounts to about 12 per cent as in that field the miners insist upon first raising the mine run rate to the Ohio basis price and then adding six per cent.

The 10 per cent increase asked for dead work and savings and the 20 per cent advance for men employed by the day, probably will not be considered until an agreement is reached on the mining rate.

The miners said after today's meetings of the joint subcommittee of employers and employees that the new figures they have presented are rock bottom prices and will not be further reduced. On the other hand, operators said they were not willing to accept the new proposal.

The new schedule offered by the miners would add 3 cents a ton to the cost of producing coal in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and 5.39 cents in western Pennsylvania.

Huddled Together.
The charred bodies were found close together in the embers, which were smoldering when the neighbor approached the site Tuesday morning. The Creeds lived in a small

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TIME LIMIT TO BE REDUCED
Electric Boat Company Will Work
Faster to Get Contract

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—The Electric Boat company notified the navy department today that it would reduce by about a year the time limit for construction of the two proposed one thousand five hundred ton fleet submarines. The time fixed by the company in its lowest bid for the contracts, was 31 and 33 months respectively, and declared unacceptable by Secretary Daniels. The question of awarding the contracts will be considered tomorrow.

TO NOMINATE RED
FLAG PRESIDENT

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—A referendum vote to nominate candidates for president and vice-president of the United States on the Socialist ticket will begin tomorrow. It was announced here today by Walter Luterstiek, national secretary of the party.

The ballots will be in the hands of election officers throughout the country tomorrow and by March 10, according to Mr. Luterstiek, the complete vote will be in his office.

Candidates for president are Allen I. Benson, Yonkers, N. Y.; Arthur Le Seuer, Minot, N. D.; James H. Maurer, Reading, Pa. Candidate for vice-president are George H. Kirkpatrick, Newark, N. J., and Kate Richards-Hare, St. Louis.

WILSON DEMANDS CONGRESS TO VOTE
ON RESOLUTIONS WARNING AMERICANS

LETTER DEMANDING SHOWDOWN

"My Dear Mr. Pott: Inasmuch as I learn that Mr. Henry, the chairman of the committee on rules, is absent in Texas, I take the liberty of calling your attention as ranking member of the committee to a matter of grave concern to the country which can, I believe, be handled under the rules of the house only by that committee.

"The report that there are divided counsels in congress in regard to the foreign policy of the government is being made industriously use of in foreign capitals. I believe that report to be false but so long as it is anywhere credited, it cannot fail to do the greatest harm and expose the country to the most serious risks. I therefore feel justified in asking that your committee will permit me to urge an early vote upon the resolutions with regard to travel on armed merchantmen which have recently been so much talked about, in order that there may be afforded an immediate opportunity for full public discussion and action upon them and that all doubts and conjectures may be swept away and our foreign relations once more cleared of damaging misunderstandings. The matter is of so grave importance and lies so clearly within the field of executive initiative that I venture to hope that your committee will not think that I am taking unwarranted liberty in making this suggestion as to the business of the house and I very earnestly commend it to their immediate consideration.

"Cordially and sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON."

SISTER OF TULSA
WOMAN IS KILLED

Young Farmer Near Muskogee Stabs Wife to
Death, Then Himself.

INSANITY IS CAUSE
Born on Same Day, and
Same Age, They Leave
the World Together.

MUSKOGEE, Feb. 29.—Harry B. Jens and his wife, Emma, both born into the world on the same day, both 31 years old and married just six months ago, went out of it together one day last week when the husband, in a sudden period of insanity, officers believe, buried a butcher knife into his wife's heart, fought with her through several rooms of their house until she died and then plunged the knife four times into his own breast, dying as he fell across her. The Jens lived in a pretty little farm house settled in a valley at the base of a little hill, five miles west of Muskogee.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Charles Nafe, wife of a country grocer at whose store mail for the couple was delivered, became alarmed because they had not been seen for ten days and started for their house to pay a visit. Her knocks aroused no one. At length she peered into a window and not two inches away was

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NOW SEEKING A RECEIVERSHIP
Would Throw Southern Lumber Company into Bankruptcy

SHREVEPORT, Feb. 29.—Application was filed in the parish court here today by J. H. Sheppard for the appointment of a receiver for the Southern Lumber company with headquarters at Texarkana, Tex. Management is charged, based on the information as stated in the petition that the books and accounting of the corporation were kept by its principal stockholder, S. H. Chaffin, in Kansas City, contrary to its charter provision. The concern recently increased its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and has mills and timber interests in this parish.

Hearing on the petition was set for March 3.

MORE IN CHICAGO MAKE MONEY
Federal Income Tax to Affect 4,000
Additional Tax Year.

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—The federal income tax will be paid by four thousand more Chicagoans this year than last, according to a prediction made today by Julius F. Smietanka, the collector. His estimate was based on payments made up to today, the last but one for payment without penalty.

Forty-six thousand citizens of Chicago paid the tax last year. They contributed \$2,467,591 and corporations paid \$2,617,882.

Government is Suing
NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—The first of the government suits to recover money loaned to Americans who were stranded in Europe when the war began today at the instigation of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, by United States District Attorney Francis of Brooklyn. He brought suit against Walter A. Manice to recover \$7.53.

ASK HIM TO RESIGN POSITION.
Executive Committee Today Will
Consider Dock Demands.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 29.—The executive committee of the Arkansas state federation of labor will meet here tomorrow morning to consider resolutions recently adopted by the central trades council of Little Rock and Fort Smith demanding that Thomas A. Wilson of Pine Bluff resign as president of the state federation. This action resulted from the publication in a local union paper of a letter written by Mr. Wilson in which he declared himself in favor of the candidacy of Dr. Charles H. Brough for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Mr. Wilson contends that the letter merely expressed his personal preference and that he is not amenable to any action of the federation. Mr. Wilson is a member of the lower house of the Arkansas legislature.

LANDS HANG AN AMERICAN.
Brother in Georgia to Investigate Reported Death.

VALLEJO, Cal., Feb. 29.—Grover C. Varn, whose murder near Durango, Mexico, was reported to the state department today, was hanged by bandits, according to messages received by members of his family here.

George W. Varn, a brother, who recently returned from that section of Mexico, where the brothers and their father, J. E. Varn, owned ranch and mining property, is preparing to return there to investigate his brother's death.

CALL HAND OF
BELLIGERENTS
IN THE HOUSE

Can't Conduct Diplomatic
Negotiations Until All
Is Settled.

ANNOUNCES DESIRE
IN LETTER TO POU

Administration Leaders Believe
Vote of Confidence
Will Be Given.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—President Wilson decided today he cannot proceed with the German submarine negotiations while discussion in congress weakens his position before the world, so he called for a showdown on the pending proposals to warn Americans off merchant ships of the belligerents armed for defense.

Making it clear that he considers the president, and not congress, is charged with the conduct of the foreign relations of the United States, he wrote a letter to Representative Pott, acting chairman of the house rules committee, asking him to provide parliamentary means for bringing the agitation out into the open on the floor of the house for full discussion and vote.

Later he summoned Senator Stone and Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee and Senator Kern, majority leader in the senate, to a conference at the White House tomorrow morning at which he will request that one of the various pending resolutions be acted upon in both houses.

Administration leaders working steadily for the last week strengthening their lines and counting on the support of the Republicans now are so sure of their position that they plan to end all agitation with a vote of confidence in the president.

Senate for Wilson.
This course was decided upon after today's cabinet meeting, at which it was discussed, and after a week's steady, quiet work at the capitol. Prompt action is desired, particularly in the house, where agitation has been most turbulent and where Speaker Clark predicted anti-administration resolutions when first introduced would have passed by a majority of two to one.

Adoption of the pending resolutions would practically amount to congressional repudiation of policies announced and contended for by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing all through the submarine negotiations which more than once were at a crisis. With their defeat and an affirmation by a majority of congress of their confidence in the president's course, Mr. Wilson's supporters point out he will be enabled to continue to contend for the principles of international law and humanity with the support of his own party and with the same force as he did before a minority in congress weakened his position more than all the arguments of the foreign diplomats with whom he had to contend.

Germany Gets Arbitrary.
Dispatches from Berlin and Vienna have pictured how the congressional agitation was received there as indicating that the president in his demands upon Germany and Austria did not have the support of his own party and was being opposed by elected representatives of the people. There was immediately a stiffening of the German determination not to recede from the announced purposes of the new submarine campaign to sink without warning all armed merchant ships despite President Wilson's reiterated contention that such a practice was contrary to the principles for which the United States had contended with Germany since the sinking of the Lusitania.

It is known that among the elements leading to the president's action were repeated declarations of Germany's unyielding attitude expressed in inspired statements from Berlin by the highest officials of the German government, some of which even approached intimations of bad faith on the president's part. Because the United States would not accept the view that the Lusitania guarantees applied only to ships carrying no armament whatever.

News of the president's decision came as a distinct surprise at the capitol, where the leaders of both houses heard of it first through reports of the letter received by Mr. Pott. There were some expressions of dissatisfaction, particularly among members of the house at the course adopted. Surprise was expressed that the president should appeal to the rules committee to have brought out, debated and voted upon proposals which have been kept in the foreign affairs committee solely because it lived the administration of them, used or acted